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## ***Community E-lert®***

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TO: Community E-lert Recipients  
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### **FORCED ENTRY RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

The Medina Police Department is currently investigating a burglary that occurred between 11:30 AM and 2:15 PM on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> in the 2500 block of Medina Circle. During the short time the homeowner was away, unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the home through a lower-level sliding glass door. The home is not equipped with a security system, so the suspect(s) were able to enter the home unnoticed.

Once inside, the suspect(s) went upstairs and rifled through the master bedroom and guest rooms, removing jewelry and currency. The total estimated value of the loss at this time is \$15,000.

Medina Officers have processed the scene and recovered evidence which will be submitted for forensic examination in hopes of identifying the suspect(s).

#### **BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Consider leaving a television or radio on while you are away to give the appearance someone is home.
- If your home is equipped with a security system, activate it whenever possible. An alarm system can be an effective crime prevention tool.
- Be sure all the exterior doors and windows of your home are properly secured. If you have French style double doors, make sure they are not only locked, but that the upper and/or lower slide-latch is also secured.

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- Review your exterior lighting to be sure it is sufficient. Motion activated lights can be particularly effective.
- Be watchful of your neighborhood and call 911 anytime you see or hear any suspicious persons, activity, or noise. An officer will gladly respond and investigate, day or night.

If you wish to make a comment about this information, please call the Medina Police Department at 425-233-6420 or email [jchen@medina-wa.gov](mailto:jchen@medina-wa.gov) .